



Trinity Messenger

August 2022



Trinity Mar Thoma Church
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Vicar's Message

Greetings to all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

“Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God.”

It is after the arrest of John the Baptist that the ministry of Jesus begins in Galilee. The immediate context of the beginning of the ministry was not an encouraging one. For Jesus also to begin and to continue with the ministry of the Kingdom of God was not so easy. But those challenges were the catalysts for Jesus' ministry. In the first few centuries of the Christian church, being a witness of the Gospel was very challenging. Feudal thrones and powers were always enemies of the witnessing community. Many had to spill blood for the growth of the Church. But the blood of these martyrs became the seed of the Church. The Church continued to grow during these challenges. Challenges in life are also fertile ground for God's Mission. It is the need of the hour that we must identify obstacles and barriers in this era that challenge the witnessing community and transform them into opportunities and possibilities.

Let us thank and praise God Almighty for the blessings that we experienced as a Parish in various activities during the past month. Our Trinity VBS was an enriching and refreshing experience for all who participated. It was a confluence of different generations in the Parish. I thank all those who took the pain and burden for the success of this year's VBS.

Celebrating the 48th Parish Day was a time to reflect upon the immeasurable love and countless blessings of the Almighty that we have been experiencing since the inception of the Parish. It was also a time to remember the sacrificial contributions of our seniors. In two years we are going to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Parish. We need to reflect on our future plans and actions. As we journey forward as a faith community, we should be equipped to face the challenges of the time.

This year's Harvest Festival was a blessed occasion. The unity and harmony of the Parish was reflected in this event.

The Parish English Convention is arranged for this month, and we are blessed to have Ms. Pushpa Samuel (Diocesan Lay Chaplain) as the main Speaker.

Student dedication is scheduled for Sunday, August 14th. As our children are getting ready for a new academic year, let us uphold them in our prayers and submit them into the mighty hands of God for divine guidance and protection. Please encourage all our children to join the dedication service.

May the blessings of the Almighty be with us all.

Love and Prayers,

Sam Achen



Vicar's August Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Event
1-Aug-22	Monday		
2-Aug-22	Tuesday		
3-Aug-22	Wednesday		
4-Aug-22	Thursday	10:00 AM	Sevika Sanghom Cottage Prayer
5-Aug-22	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer
6-Aug-22	Saturday	6:00 PM	House Warming
7-Aug-22	Sunday	8:30 AM	Holy Qurbana Service: Malayalam
		11:30 AM	English Divine Service
		5:00 PM	Pearland West Area Prayer Meeting
8-Aug-22	Monday		
9-Aug-22	Tuesday		
10-Aug-22	Wednesday		
11-Aug-22	Thursday		
12-Aug-22	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer
		7:00 PM	English Convention
13-Aug-22	Saturday	8:00 AM	Trinity Day of Service (Houston Food Bank)
		11:30 AM	Baptism
		5:00 PM	Alter Boys Class
		6:30 PM	English Convention
14-Aug-22	Sunday	8:30 AM	Holy Qurbana Service: English
15-Aug-22	Monday		
16-Aug-22	Tuesday		
17-Aug-22	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Sevika Sanghom meeting
18-Aug-22	Thursday		
19-Aug-22	Friday	9:30 AM	Fasting Prayer
20-Aug-22	Saturday	10:00 AM	Holy Qurbana Service: Malayalam (Healing Hearts Ministry)
		6:30 PM	Pasadena Area Prayer Meeting
21-Aug-22	Sunday	8:30 AM	Holy Qurbana Service: Malayalam
		11:30 AM	English Divine Service
		5:30 PM	Alief Sugar Land Area Prayer Meeting
		6:30 PM	Pearland East Area Prayer Meeting
22-Aug-22	Monday		
23-Aug-22	Tuesday		
24-Aug-22	Wednesday		
25-Aug-22	Thursday	10:00 AM	Senior Fellowship Meeting
26-Aug-22	Friday		Mexico Mission
27-Aug-22	Saturday		Mexico Mission
28-Aug-22	Sunday	8:30 AM	Holy Qurbana Service: English
29-Aug-22	Monday		
30-Aug-22	Tuesday		
31-Aug-22	Wednesday		



Secretary's Note

Hello Everyone,

I recently read an article on feature-positive effect. It is the idea that we have difficulty processing non occurrences. In simpler terms, absence is harder to detect. Recognizing absence requires us to be a lot more reflective.

What may be positive absences for us? Examples can include lack of hunger, absence of war, not struggling to find clothes to wear, lack of stomach aches, and lack of political unrest. As our children begin a new Sunday school year, allow yourself time to reflect and be grateful for non-happenings.

We have close to five more months left for another year to wrap-up. The Trinity Malayalam Convention is scheduled for later this year. The 20th Diocesan Sevika Sanghom conference is being held at the Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Farmers Branch in October. World Sunday School Day will be celebrated in November. Visiting Trinity homes to sing Christmas carols may even be a possibility in 2022.

If you have not been active with Church activities, consider getting involved or attend at least one event. It could be as simple as attending a prayer meeting. Or you can volunteer to become a Sunday School Teacher, an Area Committee member, or an office bearer. Talk with our Achens for additional details.

Our just concluded Harvest Festival was an amazingly blessed event. Thank you to all who made cash donations, auction item donations, and participated in the auction. Roshen Achen and Sam Achen provided excellent leadership and guided all the activities along with the Convenor, Mr. Abraham Joseph and Coordinators, Mr. Jojoy Jacob, Mr. Magesh Mathew, and Mr. Thomas Cherian.

The Harvest Festival Committee, Executive Committee, Office Bearers, AV Team, Young Family Fellowship, and Middle-Aged Family Fellowship worked effectively as one Trinity Team. These efforts were complimented by many others including Mrs. Valsa Abraham, Mrs. Kunjamma George, Mr. Thomas Mathew Jeemon (media team), Mr. Joseph Varghese/Rajan (photography team), Mr. Jibu Mathew, Mr. Shajan George, Mr. Easow T. Abraham, and Mr. George Joseph Thadathil/Raju.

Please continue to pray for our Church, Achens and their families, the office bearers, executive committee, and me.

Thank you,

Reji George

TMC Secretary



Worship Service & Lectionary

7-Aug	Malayalam Holy Communion Service 8:30 AM			
	English Divine Service at 11:30 AM			
	Theme - "I am not ashamed of the Gospel" Mission Sunday			
	1st Lesson	Jeremiah 7:1-7	Epistle	2 Timothy 2:1-13
	2nd Lesson	Romans 1:8-17	Gospel	Matthew 10:16-23
Alief Sugar Land Area members will assist the Holy Communion Service				
14-Aug	English Holy Communion Service 8:30 AM			
	Theme - Christian Presence in nation building			
	1st Lesson	Nehemiah 2:13-20	Epistle	1 Timothy 2:1-7
	2nd Lesson	Acts 26:24-32	Gospel	Luke 3:7-14
Sunday School will assist the Holy Communion Service				
20-Aug	Malayalam Holy Communion Service 10:00 AM			
	Theme - Reformation Sunday, the Church that has to be reformed by the Holy Spirit			
	1st Lesson	2 Kings 23:1-7	Epistle	Titus 3:1-11
	2nd Lesson	Hebrews 4:1-13	Gospel	Matthew 5:17-20
Healing Hearts Ministry will assist the Holy Communion Service				
21-Aug	Malayalam Holy Communion Service 8:30 AM			
	English Divine Service at 11:30 AM			
	Theme - Reformation Sunday, the Church that has to be reformed by the Holy Spirit			
	1st Lesson	2 Kings 23:1-7	Epistle	Titus 3:1-11
	2nd Lesson	Hebrews 4:1-13	Gospel	Matthew 5:17-20
Galveston and Other Area members will assist the Holy Communion Service				
28-Aug	English Holy Communion Service 8:30 AM			
	Theme - Holy Communion - Healing of the Body and Soul			
	1st Lesson	Exodus 16:11-18	Epistle	1 Corinthians 10:14-22
	2nd Lesson	1 Corinthians 11:23-30	Gospel	John 6:26-35
Medical Center/Stella Link members will assist the Holy Communion Service				



Demises

Mrs. Aleyamma Varghese (82), from the Valuthundil Salem Mandiram family in Kulakkada, the mother of four of the North Houston Area members - Mrs. Rosamma Varghese (ID 428), Mrs. Lizzy Alexander (ID 247), Mr. Reji Varghese (ID 521) and Mr. Saji Varghese (ID 435), received the heavenly call in Kerala on Saturday, August 13th. The Funeral will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday, August 16th at the St. Thomas Evangelical Church in Kulakkada.

Mrs. Mariamma Cherian (86), the grandmother of Raigu Cherian, from the Missouri City and Stafford Prayer group, received the heavenly call on Tuesday, August 2nd in Kerala. The Funeral was held on Friday, August 5th at the Bethlehem Mar Thoma Church, Kollad.

Mr. E.A. Abraham (Aniyam Uncle - 85) of the Alief - Sugar Land prayer group received the heavenly call on Monday, July 4th. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, July 9th at Trinity Mar Thoma Church followed by a burial Service in Austin, Texas



May God comfort all family members with His Divine Peace. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family.

Please uphold all three families in your prayers.



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